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TAGS: ENRG, OECD

SUBJECT: MEETING OF OECD OIL COMMITTEE AND HIGH LEVEL

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GROUP (HLG)

REF: STATE 040949

1. HLG NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 11 AT 1430 AND OIL COMMITTEE FOR MARCH 12 AT 1030. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM SECRETARIAT THAT FRENCH HAD OBJECTED STRONGLY AND AT HIGH LEVEL TO HLG MEETING NOT FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY MEETING OF OIL COMMITTEE. MISSION AWARE THIS SENTIMENT SHARED BY SEVERAL OTHER OECD MEMBERS. NETHERLANDS PERMANENT DELEGATION, AS A RESULT OF ITS SOUNDINGS HERE, HAD ALREADY RECOMMENDED TO WANSINK THAT HE CONVENE OIL COMMITTEE DIRECTLY AFTER HLG. SWEDISH DELEGATION HAD DIRECTLY INFORMED US OF ITS STRONGLY OPPOSITION TO OVERLY INDEPENDENT ACTION BY HLG.

2. WITH RESPECT TO DATE OF HLG MEETING, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING U.S., JAPAN AND CANADA, HAD SUGGESTED MARCH 22 OR MARCH 11 OR 12 WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT THAN MARCH 8. IN THE COURSE OF OUR CONTACTS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS, BRITISH TOLD US THEY HAD INSTRUCTIONS STATING THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DID NOT SEE ANY ADVANTAGE IN RISKING A CONTROVERSIAL DISCUSSION IN THE HLG BEFORE THE MARCH 13-14 COORDINATING GROUP MEETING IN BRUSSELS, BUT WOULD GO ALONG IF CONSENSUS DEVELOPED.

3. ON MARCH 1, SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED DRAFT AGENDA FOR HLG DATED FEB 28 AND NUMBERED DIE/E/PE/74.25. FRENCH OBJECTED TO ITEM 2, WHICH WORDED AS FOLLOWS: ORAL REPORT ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS: (A) WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE; (B) CREATION OF ENERGY COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES; (C) RECENT MEETINGS OF THE EPC AND W.P.3. SECRETARIAT NOW IN PROCESS OF AMENDING THIS AGENDA ITEM, PROBABLY BY SUBSTITUTING MORE GENERAL LANGUAGE SUCH AS "ORAL REPORT ON RECENT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS."

4. SUBJECT TO FINAL REVISION ITEM 2, AGENDA LIKELY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
2. ORAL REPORT ON RECENT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

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3. THE CURRENT OIL SITUATION:
  - A) THE SUPPLY SITUATION INCLUDING DIE/E/PE/74. 22
  - B) THE PRICE SITUATION
  - C) OTHER INFORMATION, E.G. RECENT BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS
4. REPORT ON AN O.E.C.D.- WIDE APPORTIONMENT SCHEME
5. FUTURE WORK
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

7. OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

5. OIL COMMITTEE AGENDA LIKELY TO INCLUDE SAME ITEMS AND  
PROBABLY A FEW OTHERS, SUCH AS REPORT ON PROGRESS OF LONG  
TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT.

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